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Title: Method for Charting Financial Market Activities

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the restriction requirement of September 12, 2002, the Applicant provisionally elects claims 1-23, drawn to a method for monitoring for a user the price activities of a financial instrument traded in a financial market.

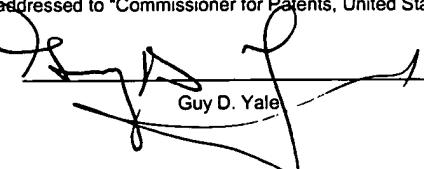
Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. The criteria for restriction between patentably distinct inventions is proper only if: 1) the claimed inventions are either "independent" or "distinct" from each other under for example §806.05(e) AND 2) there is a serious burden on the examiner unless a restriction is made. MPEP §803. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on least the basis that the Examiner has not met the showing of a serious burden. Examiner has not for example cited patents to support the statement

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there are distinct inventions that "have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter". MPEP §808.02.

Applicant believes this reply to the restriction requirement to be complete, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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